

A Brief report of AGM held on 10 December 2011

The treasurer reported that the church finances are in a healthy position, mainly due to income from hall lettings. Charitable donations had been made to a variety of good causes in the course of the year.

While there had been no major repairs needed in the past year, the fabric convenor pointed out that the boundary fence had been blown down in recent gales and would need to be replaced.

We were sorry to receive the resignation of Julia and Paul McGhee from the Vestry. In addition to their role as Vestry members, both have fulfilled other official functions within St Margaret's - Julia as Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults) and Paul as Alternate Lay Rep. We are very grateful to both of them for all they have done for St Margaret's over the years and hope to welcome them back from time to time. Margaret Gray was elected as Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator and Vestry member. A full list of Office Bearers and Vestry members is displayed on the notice board.

| | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Readings</u> |
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| Sun 1 Jan | Liz Johnson | Numbers 6: 22 – 27; Galatians 4: 4 – 7; (Luke 2: 15 – 21) |
| Sun 8 Jan | Alan Waddell | Isaiah 60: 1 – 6; Ephesians 3: 1 – 12; (Matthew 2: 1 – 12) |
| Sun 15 Jan | Margaret Gray | Samuel 3: 1 – 10; 1 Corinthians 6: 12 – 20; (John 1: 43 – 51) |
| Sun 22 Jan | Liz Johnson | Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10; Acts 9: 1 – 22; (Matthew 19: 27 – 30) |
| Sun 29 Jan | Alan Waddell | Malachi 3: 1 – 4; Hebrews 2: 14 – 18; (Luke 2: 22 – 40) |
| Sun 5 Feb | Margaret Gray | Isaiah 40: 21 – 31; 1 Corinthians 9: 16 – 23; (Mark 1: 29 – 39) |

In this Season of Gift Giving a Prayer to Take us into 2012

What can I give him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him – Give my heart.

*A prayer from Christina Rossetti (1830 – 94) the words of which we sing in the carol
'In the Bleak Midwinter'.*

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From your Rector

Dear Friends

This Christmas edition has a number of small articles and consequently there is little space for me to share more than this Christmas message:

Christmas is about God saying to each one of us "I love you" through Jesus being born as a human baby. A very special gift that invites us to follow, as the shepherds did, the Star in our heart and walk the path that leads to Jesus

With love and prayers for joy and peace this Christmas season, Christine.

From our Service Registers

This month can we please remember in our prayers those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Alice Ferrier, John Moir, Evelyn Grieg, Marian Ross and Rachael Ross.

Reading Group

The dark and dreary days of January and February are ideal for a spot of reading so I hope that we will be able to get our Reading Group off the ground. If anyone would be interested in reading, at home, and then coming together to discuss the book 'In the shadow of the Galilean' by Gerd Theissen – a book that one reviewer said "brings alive the culture and people around Jesus" please let me know by 15 January. Copies are available from Amazon if you wish to purchase the book, alternatively I should be able to borrow some copies.

Licensing of Margaret Gray

On Sunday 22 January Bishop David is coming to license Margaret as Lay Reader at St Margaret's. This is a special time for Margaret and for us; a response to growth in faith on Margaret's part and a response on our part to her offering her gifts to us, her church family. Please keep Margaret, Tom and their family in your prayers.

January Events

After a busy October, November and December I think that we are having an event free January.

January Services Diary

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| Every Wednesday | Midday Prayers (15mins) in Church |
| Sun 1 Jan 10.30am | The Naming of Jesus - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall |
| Sun 8 Jan 10.30am | Epiphany - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall - Preacher Margaret Gray |
| Sun 15 Jan 10.30am | Epiphany 2 - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall - Preacher Rev Jim Hudson |
| Sun 22 Jan 10.30am | Conversion of Paul - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall. Bishop David will be with us to license Margaret Gray as Lay Reader |
| Sun 29 Jan 10.30am | Candlemas - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall |
| Sun 5 Feb 10.30am | 3rd Sunday before Lent - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall. Preacher Rev Richard Clements, Chaplain at RAF Leuchars |

January Rotas

| | <u>Reception</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Sun 1 Jan | Margaret Redpath | Janette Turvey |
| Sun 8 Jan | Christine Barker | Liz Johnson |
| Wed 15 Jan | Janette Turvey | Alex Cook |
| Sun 22 Jan | Margaret Redpath | Janette Turvey |
| Sun 29 Jan | Christine Barker | Alex Cook |
| Sun 5 Feb | Janette Turvey | Liz Johnson |

Please arrange to swap with someone if unavailable for the allotted date

Faith in Action

The Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the United Reformed Church Synod of Scotland and the Methodist Church in Scotland has produced a 'Faith in Action' Calendar for 2012. Copies of the monthly leaflets will be available in church. The leaflets give suggestions for prayer and projects beginning in January with 'Homelessness'.